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PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FOR HIS MEETING WITH
EC VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET ON WEDNESDAY AT 2:45

FOLLOWING REPEAT EC BRUSSELS 7553 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
BONN BRUSSELS (BY POUCH), COPENHAGEN DUBLIN LUXEMBOURG
PARIS ROME THE HAGUE OECD PARIS 27 SEPTEMBER.

QUOTE

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SUBJECT: SIMONET BRIEFS PRESS ON ENERGY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7293

1. SUMMARY. IN A PRESS BRIEFING ON ENERGY MATTERS,
SIMONET MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE COMMISSION IS
NOT HOSTILE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE ECG BUT BELIEVES THAT
WITH OR WITHOUT FRANCE THE COMMISSION SHOULD PARTICIPATE;
THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO TAKE PARALLEL ACTION TO THE
IEP. HE AND CHEYSSON INTEND TO HAVE UNOFFICIAL TALKS
WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAPEC TO EXPLORE THE
POSSIBILITY OF JOINT OIL PRODUCTION AND TREATMENT.

HE ONCE AGAIN HIT THE US ON ENRICHED URANIUM

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SUPPLY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A HASTILY CONVENED AND POORLY ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR THE US ON SEPTEMBER 27, COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET GAVE A RUN-DOWN ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS RELATING TO ENERGY.

3. THE ECG. SIMONET REPORTED THAT HE SAW NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN COMMUNITY ACTIONS ON ENERGY AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECG. HE SAID THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IF ALL NINE PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY (IEP) BUT SAID THAT EVEN IF THE FRENCH DO NOT COME IN, THE COMMISSION OUGHT TO BE REPRESENTED AS AN OBSERVER. OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE A SERIOUS DANGER THAT ACTIVITIES TAKEN BY THE IEP AND THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT BE IN HARMONY. HE SAID THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE THREE COURSES OF ACTION TO COMPLEMENT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IEP. IT SHOULD ORGANIZE ITS INTERNAL MARKET, SHOULD PROVIDE ITSELF WITH THE MEANS FOR COOPERATING WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES, AND SHOULD COOPERATE IN THE CASE OF SHORTAGES, INCLUDING OIL SHARING.

4. TALKS WITH ARABS. SIMONET ANNOUNCED THAT AS A COMMISSION INITIATIVE HE AND COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON WOULD IN THE NEAR FUTURE HAVE UNOFFICIAL TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAPC TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF JOINT OIL PRODUCTION AND TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE MARSHALING OF CAPITAL AND THE EXCHANGE OF KNOW-HOW.

5. ENRICHED URANIUM. SIMONET AGAIN CHARGED THAT THE US IS NOT A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF ENRICHED URANIUM (REFTEL) SAYING THAT THE ASSURANCE GIVEN TO PURCHASING COUNTRIES BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON DOES NOT GENERATE ANY ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY. FROM 1982 ONWARDS, HE SAID, SUPPLIES WILL BE TOTALLY INSECURE AND THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY. UNTIL 1982, HE SAID, EURODIF AND URENCO WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ONLY A TINY FRACTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS BUT AFTER THAT TIME, IF THE PRODUCERS WERE PREPARED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO CONTRACTS, EURODIF COULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. HE SAID THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

6. THE FIVE AT CAMP DAVID. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, SIMONET UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID HE REGRETTED THE COMMUNITY'S ABSENCE AT CAMP DAVID. GREENWALD UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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